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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/556,837	Applicant(s) RAMSAUER, DIETER	
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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 32-62 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 32-62 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Examiner notes that figure descriptions are confusing and misleading. As only one example of many, paragraph [0041] states "another embodiment form of the handle" but figures 6A or 6B appear to be attachment methods.

Election/Restrictions

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Species I: Figures 1A – 2

Species II: Figures 3A - 3B

Species III: Figures 5A – 5C

Species IV: Figures 6A – 6B

Species V: Figures 7A – 7C

Species VI: Figures 8A – 8H

Species VII: Figure 10

Species VIII: Figures 11A – 11D

Species IX: Figures 12A – 12C

Species X: Figures 12E – 12P

Species XI: Figures 13A – 13C

Species XII: Figures 13D – 15D

Species XIII: Figures 16A – 16D

Species XIV: Figures 17A – 17C

Species XV: Figures 18A – 18C

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Species XVI: Figures 18D – 18G

Species XVII: Figures 18H – 18I

Species XVIII: Figures 19A – 19D

Species XIX: Figures 19E – 19H

Species XX: Figures 20A – 20F

Species XXI: Figures 20G – 20J

Species XXII: Figures 21 & 23

Species XXIII: Figures 22A – 22C

Species XXIV: Figures 24A – 24C

Species XXV: Figures 25A – 25F

Species XXVI: Figure 26

Species XXVII: Figures 27A – 27C

Species XXVIII: Figures 28A – 28H

Species XXIX: Figures 29A – 29G

Species XXX: Figures 30A – 30G

Species XXXI: Figures 31A – 31G

Species XXXII: Figures 32A – 32G

Species XXXIII: Figures 33A – 33E

Species XXXIV: Figures 34A – 34C

The species are independent or distinct because each species comprises additional structural features.

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Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, Claim 1 is generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered non-responsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a)

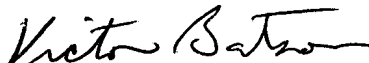
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Roberta S. DeLisle ("Bobbi") whose telephone number is 571-270-3746. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Victor Batson can be reached on 571 272-6987. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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